

October 21, 2013

Ms. Crystal Koonce Open Records Williamson County Sheriff's Office 508 South Rock Street Georgetown, Texas 78626

OR2013-18248

Dear Ms. Koonce:

You ask whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under the Public Information Act (the "Act"), chapter 552 of the Government Code. Your request was assigned ID# 503530.

The Williamson County Sheriff's Office (the "sheriff's office") received a request for twelve categories of information relating to a specified automobile accident. You claim the submitted information is excepted from disclosure under section 552.130 of the Government Code. We have considered the exception you claim and reviewed the submitted information.

Initially, we note you have only submitted information related to one category of the requested information. You have not submitted information responsive to the remaining categories of requested information. We assume, to the extent any information responsive to the remaining categories of requested information existed on the date the sheriff's office received the request, the sheriff's office has released it. If the sheriff's office has not released any such information, it must do so at this time. See Gov't Code §§ 552.006, .301, .302; see also Open Records Decision No. 664 (2000) (if governmental body concludes no exceptions apply to requested information, it must release information as soon as possible).

You assert the submitted video recordings contain driver's license and license plate numbers that are excepted from disclosure under section 552.130 of the Government Code. Section 552.130 provides information relating to a motor vehicle operator's or driver's license or permit, or motor vehicle title or registration issued by an agency of this state or

another state or country is excepted from public release. Gov't Code § 552.130(a)(1), (2). Upon review, we agree the submitted video recordings contain motor vehicle record information. In this instance, you state the sheriff's office does not possess the technological capability to redact information from video files. Thus, we agree the sheriff's office must withhold the entire video recordings under section 552.130 of the Government Code. *See* Open Records Decision No. 364 (1983).

This letter ruling is limited to the particular information at issue in this request and limited to the facts as presented to us; therefore, this ruling must not be relied upon as a previous determination regarding any other information or any other circumstances.

This ruling triggers important deadlines regarding the rights and responsibilities of the governmental body and of the requestor. For more information concerning those rights and responsibilities, please visit our website at http://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/open/orl_ruling_info.shtml, or call the Office of the Attorney General's Open Government Hotline, toll free, at (877) 673-6839. Questions concerning the allowable charges for providing public information under the Act may be directed to the Office of the Attorney General, toll free, at (888) 672-6787.

Sincerely,

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Enc. Submitted documents

c: Requestor

(w/o enclosures)